

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides a pattern forming method including providing a polymerization initiation layer which is obtained by fixing, by a cross-linking reaction, a polymer having functional groups having polymerization initiation ability and cross-linking groups at side chains, on a support, and forming a pattern including a preparation zone and a non-preparation zone of a graft polymer by preparing the graft polymer on the surface of the polymerization initiation layer using graft polymerization, by contacting a compound having a polymerizable group on the polymerization initiation layer and supplying energy imagewise; an image forming method which applies the pattern forming method; a pattern forming material; and a planographic printing plate.

A fine particle adsorption pattern forming method and a conductive pattern forming method are also provided.